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LETTER DATED 1 DECEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPPESENTATIVE OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, pursuant to our previous communications (S/1995/767, S/1995/795, S/1995/823, S/1995/841, S/1995/950), I have the honour to notify you of the following information concerning the latest situation in Kabul City.

On Sunday, 24 November 1995, once again a number of the most populated districts in the capital Kabul came under brutal and indiscriminate aerial bombardment by three jet-bombers of the band of Taliban, as a result of which 40 inhabitants, mainly women and children of Kabul City were killed and more than 154 people were wounded, some critically. Important damage has been inflicted to private and public properties. These heinous criminal acts, however, were preceded by 170 counts of barbaric and random rocket attack on civilian targets in the heavily crowded residential sectors of the city on 11 November 1995, which caused the death of 39 citizens of the capital, including schoolgirls and a team of film-makers, and vast destruction of the city, in this regard, I submitted a letter dated 13 November 1995 addressed to you (see S/1995/950).

Also, on 29 November 1995, the area surrounding the historic Puli-Kheshti Mosque was heavily rocketed, as a result of which about 17 people, including some who were engaged in learning the reading of the Holy Quran and their teachers were martyred and many others wounded.

The Security Council, as the principal organ of the United Nations responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, ought to be informed of this explosive situation created as a result of the guidance, direction and assistance given by Pakistani circles to the Taliban mercenaries.

Moreover, the continued interference of Pakistani authorities in the internal affairs of Afghanistan has created an explosive situation, whereby the possibility of widening the scope of conflict seems to be imminent.

The continuation of the above situation will undoubtedly have serious implications for the peace and stability of the region.

Based upon Article 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, Afghanistan wishes to bring the situation to the attention of the Security Council.

I therefore request you urgently to convene a meeting of the Security Council to address its attention to this critical situation, thus avoiding further escalation of the tension and widening the scope of conflict.

In accordance with article 38 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, it is requested that the delegation of the Islamic State of Afghanistan be given an opportunity to address the Council.

(Signed) Ravan FARHADI
Permanent Representative